

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor Application of:

Examiner: Manlove, Shalie A.

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TC 1700Title: Pigment Dispersion Liquid, Manufacturing Process Thereof, Pigment Ink
for Ink Jetting, and Ink Jet Image Recording Method Employing the Same

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Manlove:

This is a response to the **Final** Office Action dated 9/10/03, which has a statutorily shortened period for response that ends on 12/10/03. This response is being co-filed with a request for continued examination. Additionally, a declaration filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 is enclosed herewith.